

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-210-E ORDER NO. 2022-41-H**

**MAY 6, 2022**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER:** C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

Request of Clifton Power Company on the Public Service Commission's Jurisdiction of Electric Vehicle Charging Station

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Petition to Intervene of Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina ("ECSC") and Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Central") filed April 26, 2022.

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

This matter comes before the Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of ECSC and Central in this Docket. The Petition has been timely filed and within the deadline to file a Petition to Intervene on April 27, 2022.

After it has been determined that the Petition to Intervene has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party or parties have clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the South Carolina Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.

The Commission opened this proceeding on the request of Clifton Power Company, a manufacturer and installer of electric vehicle charging stations in South Carolina. In its request, Clifton states that its charging stations are located throughout the state in service areas assigned to investor-owned utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and electric cooperatives.

ECSC is the state-wide service and trade association for electric cooperatives in South Carolina. Its members are eighteen (18) of the twenty (20) consumer-owned electric cooperatives, one wholesale power supply cooperative, one transmission service cooperative, and one materials supply cooperative. ECSC serves as a legal and regulatory representative of its member electric cooperatives. Together, ECSC's members operate the largest electric distribution system in the state. More than 1.5 million South Carolinians in all forty-six (46) counties use electricity from electric cooperatives.

Central is a not-for-profit generation and transmission electric cooperative formed under S.C. Code Ann. Section 33-49-10, et. seq. Central's principal place of business and mailing address is 20 Cooperative Way, Columbia, SC 29210. Central is engaged in the purchase, transmission, and sale of electric power to twenty electric distribution cooperatives throughout South Carolina. Central's distribution cooperative members provide electric power to over 700,000 homes, businesses, and industrial members throughout all forty-six (46) South Carolina counties and a small portion of North Carolina.

From the discussion and assertions in the Petition, this Hearing Officer holds that ECSC and Central have satisfied all of the criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Petitioners' interest in these matters can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention, and their position. Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of ECSC and Central is hereby granted in this Docket.

This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.